



Ontario's *Drive Clean*

Buying or selling a used vehicle?

A *Drive Clean* pass is your assurance that the used vehicle you're planning to buy or sell has an effectively operating emissions system. It's good news for our health, our environment and your vehicle.

A resale vehicle requires an emissions pass beginning when it is one year old if it is to be registered in the *Drive Clean* program area.

This applies to light-duty vehicles registered in the southern Ontario smog zone and heavy-duty diesel trucks and buses registered anywhere in Ontario. It also includes non-diesel heavy-duty vehicles registered in the light-duty vehicle program area, the southern Ontario smog zone. Light-duty vehicles include cars, pickup trucks, vans and sport utility vehicles and, for purposes of test frequency, large motorhomes.

In 2006, tests are required for resale vehicles beginning with the 2005 model year and, in 2007, beginning with the 2006 model year.

Rolling exemption ends

Drive Clean is focusing more strongly on vehicles that are most likely to pollute and has ended the rolling exemption that allowed light-duty vehicles to leave the *Drive Clean* program when they are 20 years old.

Starting with the 1988 model year, light-duty vehicles will remain in the program when they turn 20 years old, which means they will continue to need tests for ownership transfer as well as registration renewal. 1987 model year vehicles will be exempt after their last emissions test in 2006, and will remain exempt in future years.

Vehicles currently designated as historic under the Highway Traffic Act are exempt from testing. It will be recommended that this test exemption continue for 1988 and newer model year vehicles, if they receive a designation as historic.

Heavy-duty vehicles are required to stay in the *Drive Clean* program as long as they are on the road.

The emissions testing requirements for ownership transfer and registration renewal have not changed. You can buy or sell a vehicle without an emissions pass, but it needs a pass to be plated for the road under new ownership.

Light-duty vehicles may get a conditional pass for registration renewal by using the *Drive Clean* Repair Cost Limit. A conditional pass, however, cannot be used to put a new owner's plates on a resale vehicle, as an important consumer protection measure.

In any transaction, it is up to the buyer and seller to agree on who is responsible for the *Drive Clean* test and any repairs required to pass the test.

A *Drive Clean* emissions pass report may be used for ownership transactions or registration renewal for one year from its date of issue. It must be valid on the expiry date of the licence plate or on the date of the transaction for a late renewal or ownership transfer.

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